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REF: MEXICO A-1043; MEXICO 6804

1. AUGUST 30, 1968 DIARIO OFICIAL PUBLISHED PRESIDENTIAL DECREE DECLARING MEXICAN INTERNAL WATERS THAT PART OF GULF OF CALIFORNIA ENCLOSED BY THE COASTS OF SONORA AND BAJA CALIFORNIA AND BASELINES DRAWN FROM ENTRANCE OF GULF IN NORTH, NORTHEASTERLY DIRECTION ALONG COAST OF BAJA CALIFORNIA TO ISLA SAN ESTEBAN AND IN NORTH, NORTHWESTERLY DIRECTION ALONG COAST OF SINALOA AND SONORA TO ISLA SAN ESTEBAN.

2. BASELINES, WHICH DECREE STATES IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 4, PARAS 1 AND 2, OF THE CONVENTION ARE THE TERRITORIAL SEA AND THE CONTIGUOUS ZONE WHICH, IN TURN, WAS INCORPORATED INTO MEXICAN INTERNAL LAW BY DECREE OF DEC. 29, 1967, ARE DEFINED IN ARTICLES 1 AND 2 OF DECREE AND APPEAR TO BE AS SUBMITTED TO DEPT UNDER COVER A-1043.

3. DECREE STATES IN ACCORDANCE ARTICLE 5 OF CONVENTION WATERS SO ENCLOSED ARE MEXICAN INTERNAL WATERS.

4. DECREE DOES NOT ASSERT "HISTORICAL" BASIS FOR ACTION.

5. DECREE STATES THAT ACTION IS WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO DETERMINATION OF OTHER STRAIGHT BASELINES, WHICH MAY BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH LAW, FOR DELIMITATION OF THE TERRITORIAL SEA IN PACIFIC OCEAN OR GULF OF MEXICO.

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6. DECREE ENTERED IN FORCE ON DATE OF PUBLICATION IN DIARIO OFICIAL AND CONCLUDES THAT BASELINES REFERRED TO IN DECREE WILL BE CLEARLY SHOWN IN MARITIME CHARTS WHICH WILL BE GIVEN ADEQUATE PUBLICITY IN ACCORDANCE ARTICLE 4, PARA 6 OF CONVENTION.

7. FULL TEXT BY AIRGRAM. FREEMAN

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